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Title of Application:	Tongue Cleaning Device
Group Art Unit: 3765	Examiner: Alissa L. Hoey

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Response to First Office Action

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action of May 23, 2002, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendment

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Version of Amended Claims Showing Changes Made:

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1. (Amended) A tongue cleaning device comprising:

an elongated member integrally formed of a flexible material, said elongated member [defining] having a handle portion and a head portion; [and]  
said handle portion being of a deformable material for deforming around a user's teeth, thereby permitting said head portion to be pressed with the user's tongue against the user's roof the the mouth; and

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A a cleaning portion attached to the head portion of said elongated member, said cleaning portion comprising a plurality of cleaning projections protruding outwardly from the head portion of said elongated member;

whereby the head portion of said elongated member can be pressed with the tongue against the roof of the mouth to conform the head portion to the shape thereof.

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Sub B2  
A2 8. (Amended) A tongue cleaning device comprising:

an elongated member integrally formed of a thin, flexible plastic material, said elongated member [defining] having a handle portion and a head portion; [and] said handle portion being of a deformable material for deforming around a user's teeth, thereby permitting said head portion to be pressed with the user's tongue against the user's roof the the mouth; and

a cleaning portion comprising a backing material having an adhesive on a first surface thereof adhered to the head portion of said elongated member, and having a plurality of fiber loops protruding from a second surface thereof;

whereby the head portion of said elongated member can be pressed with the tongue against the roof of the mouth to conform the head portion to the shape thereof.

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A2 12. (Amended) A tongue cleaning device comprising:

an elongated member integrally formed of a thin, flexible plastic material, said elongated member [defining] having a handle portion and a head portion, the head portion having a width greater than a width of the handle portion;

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said handle portion being of a deformable material for deforming around a user's teeth, thereby permitting said head portion to be pressed with the user's tongue against the user's roof of the mouth; and

a cleaning portion attached to the head portion of said elongated member, said cleaning portion comprising a loop portion of a hook-and-loop fastening system; and

an antiseptic or antimicrobial compound carried in said cleaning portion;

whereby the head portion of said elongated member can be pressed with the tongue against the roof of the mouth to conform the head portion to the shape thereof.

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